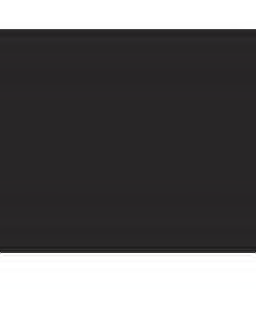
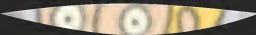




ILLUSIONS OF ADULTING

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Hailey?



W-w-where
am I now?



A cartoon illustration of a character with a round face, blonde hair, and a red shirt. The character has wide, white eyes with black pupils and a slightly open mouth, showing a surprised expression. A speech bubble is positioned above the character's head, containing the text "Hailey! You're awake!". The background is a simple, light-colored room with some indistinct shapes.

Hailey!
You're awake!

You sure gave
me such a scare.

Scare? Huh?



You're in the hospital. You've been in a coma for 3 days. The doctors say it was a result of that bump on your head.

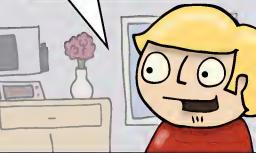


COMA?
Bump?



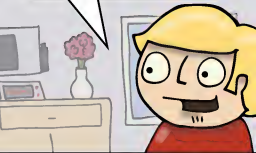
Oh, right...

So much for not
having drama in our
new lives, huh?

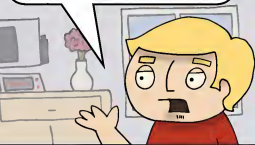




Soooo... on that note,
my sweet, dear,
conscious *fiancé*...



...though we're engaged, I learned
that since you didn't sign any
advance directives or assign a
durable power of attorney
regarding your medical care...



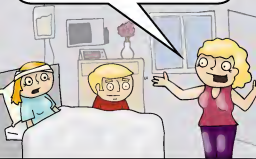
...I have absolutely no
legal rights to help you
here in the hospital...

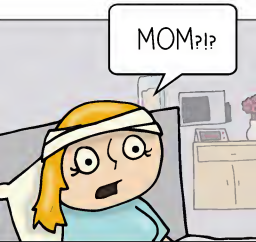


...so, in order to be sure
they didn't pull the plug on
you, I had to resort to
drastic measures and...



HAILEY!
My sweet daughter!
You're awake!





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Did you ever have a strange
hospital experience?
If so, share in the
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